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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District for 1958.

The population increased by 110 to 29,290 according to the Registrar General's estimate.

The number of deaths during 1958 was 297—4 fewer than 1957 and giving a crude death rate of 10.1 per 1,000 population—a decrease of 0.2 per 1,000 compared with 1957. The deaths of persons over the age of 65 rose from 176 in 1957 to 192 in 1958. This means that 64% of the deaths are persons over the age of 65.

There were 458 live births in the shire during 1958, a decrease of 35 compared with 1957. The uncorrected birth rate fell from 16.8 per 1,000 population in 1957 to 15.6 per 1,000 in 1958.

The number of deaths of infants under one year was 18 which is an increase of 8 and the Infantile Mortality rate rose from 14.1 per 1,000 live births to 39.3 per 1,000 live births. At first sight this seems an alarming increase but perusal of the 18 deaths shows that 16 of these occurred in the first four weeks of life giving a neo-natal mortality rate of 34.9. Also, 6 deaths were due to prematurity and 9 to congenital defects.

There were 76 notifications of infectious disease, probably the lowest ever recorded in Bedlingtonshire. There were 3 notifications of food poisoning—all isolated cases.

There were no notifications of diphtheria for the eighth successive year.

It is pleasing to record no deaths from tuberculosis during 1958 and only a total of 15 cases were notified, 11 of these being pulmonary tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is a dying disease but constant care and supervision are necessary to prevent any chance of its revival. There is close co-operation between the health department and the chest physician.

The total number of cases on the register has commenced to fall and it is hoped that this trend will be a continuing one.

Under the National Assistance Act 1948—Section 31 the Urban District Council contributes to the Old People's Welfare Committee for a chiropody service.

During 1958, 1,164 persons received foot treatments through this scheme.

I wish to thank the chairman and members of the Health Committee for their help and interest during 1958. My colleagues in other departments have, as always, co-operated loyally.

I wish to thank the Staff of the Health Department for their work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. DONALDSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health	-	Alexander Donaldson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector		
Meats and Foods Inspector		
Shops Inspector	- - - - -	R. W. Cowans, M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector		
and		
Meat and Foods Inspector	- - - - -	J. Colpitts, M.A.P.H.I.
Student Public Health Inspector	- - - - -	K. J. Dobson.
Health Department Typist	- - - - -	Miss Patricia Hall.
Rodent Operator	- - - - -	S. Walker.
Offices	- - - - -	Front Street, Bedlington.
Telephone	- - - - -	Bedlington 2121.

STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,025
Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population Mid. 1958								29,290
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£215,080
Penny Rate Produces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£810
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,708
Number of Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,687

CARAVANS

The problem of caravan dwellers is rapidly becoming one which requires new legislation at a very early date. The existing regulations under the Public Health Act 1936 are obsolete and ineffective. Even the Town and Country Planning Act is difficult for county councils to operate.

Under the existing laws it is impossible for a district council to deal adequately with this problem until a lead has been given by the planning authority.

Bedlington has been faced in 1958 with an almost daily influx of caravans and it is difficult to refuse a caravaner permission solely on hygienic grounds when they provide a chemical closet and are within reasonable distance of a water point.

It was thought at first that the majority of these people worked at the various projects in the district—open cast coal and power station construction but a census soon proved this to be a false premise.

It was found that a large number were young couples unable to obtain traditional houses.

Unless county planning agree to grant permission to a landowner for a permanent site it is difficult to include proper conditions in a licence and a temporary licence should be granted for not less than 5 years if it is going to be an economic proposition for the applicant.

The delay in reaching a decision on planning grounds has caused several unauthorised caravan sites to come into being with the obvious difficulties to the district authority attempting to maintain a decent standard.

Some attempt must be made to reach agreement between the authorities concerned. This would allow a definite standard to be adopted by all district authorities.

I can see no reason why large concerns like Wimpeys, Costains, McAlpine, etc., who come into a district for several years on various projects cannot provide sites for their own employees. Small office towns spring up overnight for their own purpose and it would not be expensive to provide a hard standing with conveniences, water and electric light for a period of 3-5 years for caravans.

It is generally agreed, I think, that the caravan is the answer for the employee moving from place to place for months at a time. I would be reluctant, however, to agree that a permanent home in a caravan is suitable for raising a family and I feel that given the opportunity the majority of caravan dwellers would accept traditional housing if this was offered to them.

In short, those districts which are attracting permanent caravans may well be confronted with the responsibility of housing their families in the future.

SMOKING AND ITS HAZARDS

Smoking in Britain is still increasing

3-million pounds (lbs.) more tobacco were smoked in 1957-8 than in 1956-7—in all 241-million pounds (lbs.) were smoked in 1957-8.

Lung Cancer Deaths are also Increasing

In 1945—188 deaths per million were due to LUNG CANCER.

In 1955—338 deaths per million were due to LUNG CANCER.

In 1957—430 deaths per million were due to LUNG CANCER.

ALMOST DOUBLE IN 10-YEARS!

MORE THAN DOUBLE IN 12-YEARS!

Among Males	...	...	1 death in 18 is due to Lung Cancer.
Among Females	...	...	1 death in 103 is due to Lung Cancer.
Among Non-Smokers	...	...	1 death in 300 is due to Lung Cancer.
Among Heavy Smokers	...	...	1 death in 8 is due to Lung Cancer.

SIGNIFICANT!

In 1910... 400 people died in Britain from Lung Cancer.

In 1957... 19,319 people died in Britain from Lung Cancer.

In 1910... 39,000 people died in Britain from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

In 1957... 4,229 people died in Britain from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

We seem to have made notable progress with pulmonary tuberculosis in 47-years, but what we are gaining on the swings we appear to be losing just as rapidly on the lung cancer roundabout.

Lung cancer deaths will continue to RISE. It is significant that female deaths from lung cancer are increasing.

Smoking and Sickness

Death rates from all causes are 68% higher in smokers than in non-smokers and the rates rise with the number of cigarettes smoked.

If the death rate for non-smokers is taken as 100 the death rate in U.S.A. for smokers was:—

	All Causes	Coronary Disease	Lung Cancer
Up to 10 cigarettes (1 day)	134	129	1,500
10-20 cigarettes (1 day)	170	189	4,300
20-40 cigarettes (1 day)	196	215	4,300
40-and over	223	241	6,400

I think the picture is frightening.

It is difficult to persuade most adults who have been inveterate smokers to give it up. Indeed, it may not always be wise to advise such a course, but it is a duty of all adults to try to dissuade young people from STARTING to SMOKE. This requires the help and example from everyone, especially doctors, nurses, teachers and parents. Yet how can a teacher have any success in preventing children from smoking when it is encouraged by parents at home—where a Christmas or birthday present for a thirteen-year-old is a cigarette case or a lighter or where the child's "tabs" are delivered with the weekly groceries.

It is difficult for a child to understand the relationship of starting smoking at 12-15 years of age and dying of lung cancer at 45 years or more.

I feel that constant repetition of the facts in school is the only answer at present.

This is indeed a challenge to everyone interested in health education and preventive medicine.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER PART III NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

These fall into two groups:

- (a) Those administered by the County Health Committee direct.
- (b) Those administered by the County Health Committee through the East Area Health Sub-Committee.

The former includes:

- 1. The case of expectant and nursing mothers and young children.
- 2. Domiciliary, midwifery and Home Nursing.
- 3. Health visiting.

The latter includes:

- 1. Supervision of the child welfare centres.
- 2. Vaccination and immunisation.
- 3. The ambulance service.
- 4. Prevention of illness, care and after-care.
- 5. Home Help Service.

Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children

This is carried on in three centres in Bedlingtonshire:—

The Oval, Bedlington Station.
South Parade, Guide Post.
Miners' Institute, Cambois.

Ante-natal Clinics

GUIDE POST

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday afternoons; 3rd Monday afternoon.

BEDLINGTON STATION

Every Monday afternoon and 1st and last Thursday afternoon.

Relaxation clinic for expectant mothers every Monday afternoon.

Child Welfare Clinics

GUIDE POST

Every Thursday.

Orthopaedic clinic every Thursday morning with consultant present on 1st Thursday of the month.

BEDLINGTON STATION

Every Wednesday and Toddlers on 4th Tuesday.

CAMBOIS

Alternate Monday afternoons.

Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis)

GUIDE POST

Every 4th Monday afternoon.

BEDLINGTON STATION

Every 4th Monday morning.

CAMBOIS

As for child welfare clinic.

Immunisation is also carried out in schools periodically and poliomyelitis vaccination is also included for school children.

The Ambulance Service

Bedlington has one main ambulance depot and it is linked with Blyth and Ashington by radio so that an adequate cover is maintained.

During 1958:—

14,686 Patients were carried.

4,878 Relatives were carried.

19,564 Persons were carried.

3,459 Journeys were made.

1,246 Emergencies were answered.

102,710 Miles were travelled.

The Domestic Help Service

This is supervised from the area office by a Home Help organiser who visits cases regularly especially new cases so that first hand knowledge of each case is available.

In Bedlington and Blyth area during 1958:—

533 cases served by 112 Home Helps.

SAFETY IN THE HOME

During the first two weeks in November 1958 a local publicity campaign was held in the urban district as part of a national campaign to bring to the notice of the public the need for increased safety measures in the home.

The local Scouts delivered pamphlets to some 6,000 houses, the County Fire Prevention Officer lectured to old people's clubs, Health Visitors lectured to those attending the Child Welfare Centres.

One is never quite certain what are the effects of such a Campaign—does it really help to reduce the accident rate? Certainly there has been a brisk demand for fireguards by pensioners which is always a step in the right direction.

Bedlington Council are installing fireguards as a normal fixture in all future council houses and they will instal a fireguard in any aged person's cottage if recommended by a doctor or nurse. This is an excellent idea and one which could be copied by others.

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS (1958) WITH THOSE OF 1957

	1957	1958
Population	29,180	29,290
Live Births	493	458
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (uncorrected)...	16.8	15.6
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	16.2	15.1
Still Births... ..	17	9.0
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	34.4	19.2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.58	0.30
Total Live and Still Births	510	467
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	10	18
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	20.2	39.3
Neo-natal Deaths	7	16
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	14.1	34.9
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	3.3	3.9
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	—	—
Deaths	301	297
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.3	10.1
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	13	12.8
Deaths over 65 years	176	192
Number of Child Deaths, 1-4 years inclusive	2	4
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.06	Nil
Pulmonary Tuberculosis case rate per 1,000 population	6.3	6.3

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1958

Code No.	International Classification	M.	F.	Total
141	Malignant Neoplasm of Tongue	—	1	1
142.7	Malignant Neoplasm of Parotid	1	—	1
150	Malignant Neoplasm of Oesophagus	1	—	1
151	Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	7	3	10
153	Malignant Neoplasm of Large Bowel	1	2	3
154	Malignant Neoplasm of Rectum	1	2	3
155	Malignant Neoplasm of Gall Bladder	3	—	3

157	Malignant Neoplasm of Pancreas	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
161	Malignant Neoplasm of Larynx	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
162	Malignant Neoplasm of Bronchus or Lung	...	...	...	...	11	4	15
170	Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	...	...	...	...	—	5	5
175	Malignant Neoplasm of Ovary	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
177	Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate	...	...	...	...	7	—	7
181	Malignant Neoplasm of Bladder	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
193	Malignant Neoplasm of Brain	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
199	Malignant Neoplasm of Unspecified	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
201	Hodgkin's Disease	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
204.3	Acute Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
241	Asthma	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
260	Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
331	Cerebral Haemorrhage	...	...	...	...	17	9	26
332	Cerebral Embolism or Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	11	6	17
334	Hypertensive Encephalopathy...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
340.1	Meningitis (Pneumococcal)	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
340.3	Meningitis (Unspecified)	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
350	Paralysis Agitans	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
353.1	Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
420	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
420.1	Coronary Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	28	14	42
422	Cardiovascular Degeneration	...	...	...	...	23	10	33
422.1	Myocardial Degeneration with Senility	...	...	...	...	11	10	21
433.1	Auricular Fibrillation	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
434.1	Congestive Heart Failure	...	...	...	...	6	8	14
434.2	Left Ventricular Failure	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
434.3	Cor Pulmonale	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
440	Benign Hypertension	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
445	Malignant Hypertension	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
465	Pulmonary Embolism	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
490	Lobar Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
491	Broncho Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	14	5	19
501	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
502	Chronic Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
522	Hypostatic Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
526	Bronchiectasis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
541	Duodenal Ulcer	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
571.1	Gastro Enteritis	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
581	Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
583	Liver Atrophy	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
587.2	Fibrocystic Disease of Pancreas	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
592	Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
600	Pyelonephritis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
610	Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
751	Congenital Deformity of Spinal Cord	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
754.1	Congenital Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
759	Multiple Congenital Defects	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
762	Atelectasis	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
762.5	Pulmonary Collapse with Prematurity	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
772	Lack of Vitality...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
776	Prematurity	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
794	Senility	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
E812	Motor Vehicle Accident to Pedestrian	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
E910	Crush by Fall of Earth	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
E974	Suicide by Hanging	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Totals						191	106	297

INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1958

There were 18 deaths of infants under 1 year of age and 16 of these were under 1 month.

The infant mortality rate was 39.3 per 1,000 live births and the neonatal mortality was 34.9 per 1,000 live births.

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Diarrhoea and enteritis under 2 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. of infant deaths under 1 year	20	29	20	21	20	14	10	10	10	18
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births ...	38.8	51.8	35.5	38.2	37.3	26.7	19.5	22.5	20.2	39.3

Deaths Under 1 Year

No.	Age	Sex	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Preventable or not	Remarks
1.	3 days	F.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
2.	7 days	F.	Hospital	Cerebral birth trauma	Not	—
3.	1 day	F.	Hospital	Meningomyelocoele	Not	—
4.	3 days	F.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
5.	1 hour	F.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
6.	2 months	F.	Hospital	Fibrocystic Disease	Not	—
7.	18 hours	M.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
8.	5 days	M.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
9.	1 hour	M.	Home	Congenital Atelectasis	Not	—
10.	4 months	M.	Home	Inhalation of Vomit	Not	—
11.	7 days	M.	Hospital	Meningocoele	Not	—
12.	5 hours	M.	Hospital	Atelectasis	Not	—
13.	10 hours	M.	Hospital	Congenital Heart Disease	Not	—
14.	20 minutes	F.	Hospital	Lack of Vitality	Not	—
15.	1 day	M.	Hospital	Atelectasis	Not	—
16.	2 hours	M.	Hospital	Prematurity	Not	—
17.	1 week	F.	Hospital	Spina Bifida	Not	—
18.	30 minutes	F.	Hospital	Multiple con. def.	Not	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES, 1958

1958 will be remembered as the year of freedom from infectious disease in Bedlington. The total number of notifications was 76.

Measles

In contrast to the 748 cases of 1957 there were 7 cases notified; the lowest ever.

Whooping Cough

There were 15 cases of whooping cough notified—not quite a low record but a very small number of cases. Two of the cases had received courses of combined prophylaxis against whooping cough and diphtheria—13 had not been immunised.

Scarlet Fever

There were 15 cases notified during the year.

Dysentery

There were 16 cases notified and these were mainly sporadic isolated cases throughout the district.

Food Poisoning

There were 3 cases of food poisoning notified. They were isolated cases and in one only was the agent identified.

TABLE SHOWING ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDER AGE GROUPS, 1958

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	21-35 years	36-45 years	46-55 years	56-65 years	over 65	Not known	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	4	2	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Whooping Cough ...	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Dysentery ...	—	—	3	1	—	1	3	1	—	3	1	1	2	—	—	16
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	3	—	—	11
Non-Pulm. Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	4
Measles ...	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Totals ...	3	2	7	9	4	5	16	4	—	9	3	8	5	1	—	76

DIPHTHERIA NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN BEDLINGTONSHIRE DURING THE 10 YEAR PERIOD 1949-1958

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Cases	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEASLES, WHOOPING COUGH AND SCARLET FEVER NOTIFICATIONS 1949-1958

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Measles... ..	228	540	156	406	165	250	381	22	748	7
Whooping Cough	12	133	79	15	215	38	17	69	77	15
Scarlet Fever ...	31	54	83	84	40	19	24	8	19	15

National Assistance Act, 1948—Section 47.
 National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951.
 No action under the above acts was necessary during 1958.

TUBERCULOSIS, 1958

Notifications

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Pulmonary ...	18	27	32	24	29	30	22	21	8	11
Non-Pulmonary	7	11	7	7	13	11	3	4	4	4

Deaths

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Pulmonary ...	13	5	5	7	5	6	6	3	2	—
Non-Pulmonary	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS, 1958

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1- 5 years...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-15 years...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15-25 years...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25-35 years...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 years...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-55 years...	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
55-65 years...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
over 65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	8	3	2	2	—	—	—	—
Grand Totals ...	11		4		Nil		Nil	
	15				Nil			

Register at December 31st, 1958

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
106	79	185	27	25	52	133	104	237

STATISTICS FOR BEDLINGTONSHIRE U.D.C. FOR THE

PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rates	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo-natal Death Rate
1949	28,220	311	11.0	515	18.2	20	38.8	23.3
1950	28,790	342	11.8	559	19.4	29	51.8	26.8
1951	28,520	368	12.9	562	19.7	20	35.5	23.1
1952	28,630	318	11.1	549	19.1	21	38.2	21.8
1953	28,840	310	10.7	536	18.5	20	37.3	20.5
1954	29,150	317	10.8	524	17.9	14	26.7	17.1
1955	29,180	315	10.7	511	17.5	10	19.5	9.7
1956	29,130	328	11.2	443	15.2	10	22.5	22.5
1957	29,180	301	10.3	493	16.8	10	20.2	14.1
1958	29,290	297	10.1	458	15.6	18	39.3	34.9

DEATHS FROM CANCER SHOWING SITE OF DISEASE, 1949-1958

Site	1958		1957		1956		1955		1954		1953		1952		1951		1950		1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
All sites ...	39	21	31	21	29	22	41	28	31	25	35	24	26	15	34	18	26	20	23	21
Lung and Bronchus ...	12	4	10	—	7	1	12	2	6	—	6	3	8	1	8	1	3	—	4	1
Stomach ...	7	3	9	4	7	5	8	6	9	8	9	4	4	4	9	4	5	7	8	5
Remainder of Digestive System ...	11	6	6	3	6	4	14	10	12	9	11	8	13	3	7	6	12	3	3	7
Female organs	—	6	—	7	—	7	—	8	—	6	—	9	—	7	—	6	—	7	—	6
Others ...	9	2	6	7	9	5	7	2	4	2	9	—	1	—	10	1	6	3	8	2

CANCER MORTALITY, 1958 (MALE)

Malignant Neoplasm of	0-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Parotid Gland	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Oesophagus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Stomach ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	7
Large Bowel ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Rectum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Liver ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	3
Pancreas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	4
Larynx ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Lungs and Bronchus ...	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	5	11
Prostate ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	7
Bladder ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Brain ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Totals...	—	—	—	2	1	2	8	5	21	39

CANCER MORTALITY, 1958 (FEMALE)

Malignant Neoplasm of	0-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Tongue ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Stomach ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Large Bowel ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Rectum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Pancreas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Lung and Bronchus ...	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	4
Breast ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	5
Ovary... ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Brain ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sarcoma ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ...	1	—	—	—	3	4	1	—	12	21

DISINFESTATION

Sewers, refuse tips, houses, gardens, canteens, food premises, shops and factories have all received regular attention during the year by the Council's rodent operator. Charges have been made for this service at 34 business premises.

No. of treatments at

Council properties (including tips)	...	...	...	39
Business premises	...	...	...	73
Council houses	...	...	...	19
Private houses	...	...	...	60
Allotments, etc.	...	...	...	8

In addition 44 houses have been treated for various kinds of vermin, including six for bedbugs, using smoke generators and liquid spray.

WATER SUPPLY

With one exception, all houses in the district have a mains supply from the Tynemouth water undertaking, the large majority receiving it from the uncovered holding reservoir at Bedlington West End.

The spring water at Grove Villa is boiled before use. 5 samples taken here show the water to be still highly contaminated.

4 samples taken from mains independent of the reservoir all showed nil results; 19 samples from the reservoir itself gave 9 nil and 10 with Bacilli Coli varying from 1 to 12 per 100 c.c.s., whilst a further 48 samples, taken from mains supplied through the reservoir, gave 30 nil results and 18 with Bacilli Coli varying from 1 to 5 per 100 c.c.s.

For a chlorinated water these samples can not be said to be satisfactory and all evidence points to the open reservoir as the source of contamination.

The number of houses supplied by standpipe in back yard or street is now 160 and is falling rapidly each year as this type of property is dealt with under the Slum Clearance programme.

In spite of the unfavourable weather of the 1958 summer over 14,000 children and adults attended the open-air swimming pool at Humford Mill. This number does not include the organised parties of school children who are taken daily for instruction.

The water for the swimming pool is a continuous flow taken from the River Blyth, sand filtered and chlorinated. A close watch is kept on the chlorine content and during the season 25 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, 22 of which gave a nil result, and 3 samples a result of 1 to 3 coliform bacilli per 100 c.c.s.

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN, 1958

No. of Samples								Bacilli Coli per 100 c.c.s.
22	Humford Mill Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	Humford Mill Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	Humford Mill Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1	Spring at Grove Villa	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	Spring at Grove Villa	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1	Spring at Gove Villa	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
2	Spring at Grove Villa	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
14	Mains Supply within the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	Mains Supply Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
1	Mains Supply Cambois	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
12	Bedlington "D" Pit Baths and Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
6	Bedlington "D" Pit Baths and Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
5	Bedlington "D" Pit Baths and Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1	Bedlington "D" Pit Baths and Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
1	Bomarsund Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	West Sleekburn Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
2	Cambois Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	Cambois Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2	Choppington Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
3	Choppington Pit Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
1	Cambois Power Station Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
1	Main Supply Inlet to Reservoir	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
9	Reservoir, West End, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
5	Reservoir, West End, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	Reservoir, West End, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1	Reservoir, West End, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
2	Reservoir, West End, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

ACTION TAKEN DURING THE YEAR WITH REGARD TO CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

1. **Houses Demolished in Clearance Areas** ... Nil

2. **Individual Houses Demolished**

Baptist Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	4
Tankerville Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	4
Glebe Road, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	11
Alma Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
Oliver's Buildings, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	1
Hollymount Hall, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	6
Hollymount Cottages, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
Red Row, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	3
Bridge End, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	6
Dene House, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	9
Ivy Cottages, Bomarsund	...	...	...	...	10
Marshes Cottages, West Sleekburn	...	...	...	...	2
Mowbray Terrace, Guide Post	...	...	...	...	4
Freehold Terrace, Guide Post	...	...	...	...	6
Sheepwash Bank	...	...	...	...	4
Third Row, Choppington	...	...	...	...	22
Converted Bus, Wansbeck Ferry	...	...	...	...	1
					97

3. **Houses and Parts of Buildings Closed**

Whitley Terrace, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	1
Dene House, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	5
School House, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	1
Ravensworth Terrace, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	2
Fairbairn's Yard, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	1
Taylor's Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
Vulcan Place, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
Stoker's Buildings, Vulcan Place, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	4
Joyce's Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	1
Kidd's Yard, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	1
Dowson's Buildings, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
Front Street, Bedlington	...	...	...	...	2
East View, Stakeford	...	...	...	...	1
					25

4. Other Houses Discontinued as Dwellings

Hartford Camp	40
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5. Unfit Houses rendered fit by Owners as a result of Action under the Housing or Public Health Acts

(a) By Informal Action... ..	11
(b) By action under statutory powers... ..	6

New Houses completed during the Year

(a) By Local Authority... ..	253
(b) By any other Housing Authority	Nil
(c) By Private Persons	22

SUB-STANDARD HOUSES

The following list shows that since the war the Council have discontinued as dwellings a total of 1,624 insanitary and sub-standard houses, 200 of these having been cleared during the past twelve months. These figures do not include the double families living in many of the houses.

This is a very creditable effort both to the Council and the Staff and it is very disappointing to see that the building programme has had to be cut at a time when the end of slum clearance seemed to be within easy reach.

All the families occupying the 357 converted army huts at Hartford have now been rehoused in Council houses, another very pleasing achievement.

During the year 115 applications were made for Improvement Grants. All applications were approved at an average grant of £177/10/-. At the end of the year the total number of houses approved for grant since the inception of the scheme was 382.

**SUB-STANDARD PROPERTY FROM WHICH FAMILIES HAVE BEEN
REHOUSED AND WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN DEMOLISHED
OR CLOSED (up to 31/3/59)**

Bedlington

Ewart Hill	1
Fountain Inn, Glebe Row	4
Glebe Road	84
Catholic Row	16
Dowson's Buildings	8
Sun Inn Yard	6
Old Colliery Row	20
Bell's Place	21
Hollymount Cottages	2
Hollymount Hall	9
Vulcan Place	48
Stoker's Buildings, Vulcan Place	5
Vicarage Terrace	2
Old Hall... ..	12
Chapel Row, East End	1
Bank Cottages	2
Murray's Yard... ..	6
Baptist Yard	10
Rosella Place	2
Front Street East	6
Joyce's Yard	2
Front Street West	4
Grand View	5
Foggan's Yard, East End	2
Foggan's Yard, West End	3
Wilson's Yard	1
Quarry Houses... ..	2
Laird's Cottage... ..	1
The Quay, East End	4
Sunnyside	20
Stoker's Buildings, East End	1
Hartford Bridge Cottage	1
Taylor's Yard	1
Hirst Terrace	1
Colville's Yard... ..	1

Bedlington Station

Ravensworth Terrace...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
North Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
South Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wilkinson's Buildings...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Red Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Bridge House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bridge End	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dene House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Moorland Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Liddle's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
School House, Bedlington Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dene View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Puddler's Row...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Cragg's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Staithes Quay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ivy Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
								228

Barrington

Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Stone Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Garden House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Parson's Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
School House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Railway Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Storey's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
								44

Netherton

Clifton Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Yard Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Howard Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Moor Cottage, Hartford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
								170

Cambois

Caravan, Wansbeck Ferry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Railway Bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
New Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Link End	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
								18

Choppington

Double Row, High Pit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Single Row, High Pit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Blackburn's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Strong's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
First Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Second Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Third Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Fourth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Fifth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Sixth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
South Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
North Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Forster's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Peter Gill's Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Front Street, Scotland Gate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Colliery Square	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
School Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
School House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Richardson's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Heslop's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rutter's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Whinney Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
—								288

Guide Post

Cruddas Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sheepwash Bank	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Front Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Anvil Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Freehold Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
High Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ford Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tulip's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Byron Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rutherford Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gordon Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sawmill Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shaw's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Mowbray Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sheepwash Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Stakeford

East View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Middle Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
North View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
West View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ivy Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
									56

West Sleekburn

Old School House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
North Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Liddle's Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Marshe's Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
South Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Institute Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
									48

Total Number of Houses ... 1,238

Army Huts, Wansbeck Place ... 29

Army Huts, Hartford Camp ... 357

1,624

INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES

In addition to the numerous inspections and visits which resulted in 207 Closing and Demolition Orders being served during the year, attention was given to other properties and 119 Informal Notices served, 90 of which were complied with by the end of the year. In only four cases was it found necessary to resort to Formal Action.

Repairs Effected

Ceilings repaired and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Wallplaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Window sash cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Window frames repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fireplaces renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fireplaces and flues repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Internal walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Water supply pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Drains cleared and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Water closet basins renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

RENT ACT, 1957

Since the coming into force of the Act in July, 1957, up to the end of 1958, only 22 applications for Certificates of Disrepair have been made to the local authority.

In 6 cases undertakings were given by the landlords to carry out repairs, 8 Certificates of Disrepair were issued by the Council and in 13 cases all the necessary works have been completed.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1.—Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	18	136	12	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	243	27	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	119	378	39	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Want of cleanliness... ..	5	5	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	6	—	1	—

Outworkers

There are 21 outworkers doing work in their own homes for factories inside and outside the district. All these houses are visited regularly.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

During the year Byelaws were made requiring the provision in new buildings of fireplaces and cookers which will, as far as practicable, prevent the emission of smoke to the atmosphere. Whilst this is a step in the right direction, the question of establishing a smoke controlled area has not yet, owing to the nature of the district, been considered.

One deposit gauge and four sulphur dioxide measuring instruments, together with five instruments of the Central Electricity General Board, are sited at suitable points in the district. Results so far received from these compare very favourably with other areas.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Until 10th July, 1958, the administration of the Shops Act has been carried out in this district by the Northumberland County Council. On that date the Local Authority took over all duties under the Act and authorised the Chief Public Health Inspector to act on behalf of this Council as Shops Act Inspector and to take legal action as instructed.

The following list has been compiled showing the various kinds of shops within the district:—

Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Post Office General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wet Fish Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Houses and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Off-Licence Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Chemists	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Newsagents	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Drapers	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Boot and Shoe Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Hardware	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
House Furnishing	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ironmonger	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Optician	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ladies' Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Gent's Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Motor Car Accessories	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Electrical Appliances	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Handicrafts	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Paints and Wallpaper	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Stationers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wool Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

An anomaly has arisen in recent years with the advent of the travelling shop. These vehicles are more and more in evidence in our streets and though a large amount of business is done from them they do not come within the meaning of a shop for the purposes of the Act. This means that whilst shops are controlled for Sunday trading, hours of closing, etc., a so-called travelling shop is free to sell any commodity at any time.

This is causing discontent amongst shopkeepers but it would appear that nothing can be done until new legislation is introduced.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

On 14th April, 1958, this district became part of a Specified Area in which all milk sold to the public must be either Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

There are now within the district 38 milk retailers licensed by the Local Authority to sell these designated milks.

18 Samples of milk, including 16 pasteurised and 2 sterilised, were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory. All were found to be satisfactory.

Ice-Cream

Three premises are registered under the Food & Drugs Act for the manufacture of ice-cream, two by the heat treatment method and one by the cold mix process. A high standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

56 Premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

28 Samples of ice-cream have been submitted for bacteriological examination, 22 were Grade 1, 1 was Grade 2, 1 Grade 3 and 4 were Grade 4.

FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS

The following list shows the various types of food businesses in the district: —

General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Public Houses and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Temperance Bars	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Mineral Water Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

Close attention has again been paid throughout the year to the above food premises and at all times traders were found to be most anxious to co-operate with the local authority in conforming with the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. In 11 cases additional wash hand basins, and sinks with hot and cold water were installed.

Meat Inspection

Slaughtering has continued during the year at 9 of the 10 licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

100% Inspection of all carcasses and offal has been carried out and the excellent relationship between butcher and inspector maintained.

The following table shows that, in spite of the drive to eradicate Tuberculosis in cattle, this disease is still to be found in our food animals, although not to any great extent. A marked decrease in the incidence of Tuberculosis has been found in cows during recent years but this decrease has not been so evident in other beef cattle.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs not sows	Sows	Boars	Horses
Number killed and inspected	665	292	22	1	2	3051	844	2	—	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI										
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	90	28	6	—	1	13	121	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci ...	13.6%	9.6%	31.8%	—	50%	0.4%	14.2%	—	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY										
Whole carcasses condemned	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	16	1	—	—	—	11	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	4.06%	6.16%	4.5%	—	—	—	1.3%	—	—	—
CYSTICERCOSIS										
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED DURING 1958

1 cow	...	...	440 lbs.	Emaciation and Oedema.
1 heifer	...	...	681 lbs.	Generalised Tuberculosis.
1 heifer	...	...	574 lbs.	Generalised Tuberculosis.

OTHER MEAT, ORGANS, ETC., CONDEMNED AS BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Bovine Organs

Beef	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 1,110 lbs.; Decomposition, 76 lbs.; Bone Taint, 70 lbs.
Heads and Tongues	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 18; Actinobacillosis, 5.
Heads	...	...	...	Cysticercus Bovis, 3.
Lungs	...	...	...	Stomach Contents, 142; Flukes, 33; Tuberculosis, 26; Pneumonia, 1; Pleurisy, 5; Abscesses, 1.
Livers	...	...	...	Cirrhosis: 31 Whole Livers and 47 Part Livers; Abscesses: 14 Whole Livers and 11 Part Livers; Inflammation: 1 Part Liver; Flukes: 1 Part Liver; Degenerated Cysts: 1 Part Liver; Fatty Infiltration, 1; Tuberculosis, 15; Angioma, 2.
Hearts	...	...	...	Abscesses, 1; Tuberculosis, 1.
Spleens	...	...	...	Abscesses, 1.
Udders	...	...	...	Induration, 2.
Mesentery Fat	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 1.
Thin Skirt	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 5; Abscesses, 1; Bile Stained, 1.
Thick Skirt	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 2.
Kidneys	...	...	...	Nephritis, 2.

Sheep Organs

Livers	...	...	...	Abscesses, 1; Cirrhosis, 1; Degenerated Cysts, 1; Flukes: 4 Whole Livers and 2 Part Livers.
Lungs	...	...	...	Pneumonia, 3; Abscesses, 1.

Pig Organs

Heads	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, 11.
Plucks	...	...	...	Inflammation, 9.
Hearts	...	...	...	Pericarditis, 16.
Livers	...	...	...	Cirrhosis, 4; Hydatid Cysts, 2; Milk Spots, 2.
Lungs	...	...	...	Pleurisy and Pneumonia, 105.
Kidneys	...	...	...	Nephritis, 4.

OTHER FOODS EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Tomatoes	...	...	...	53 tins	Corned Beef	...	...	40 lbs.
Other Fruit	...	...	...	37 tins	Tongue	...	...	21 lbs.
Meats	...	...	...	24 tins	Cooked Ham	...	...	216 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	...	34 tins	Cooked Pork	...	...	19 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	14 tins	Cooked Beef	...	...	76 lbs.
Soups	...	...	...	5 tins	Luncheon Meat	...	...	4 lbs.
Milk	...	...	...	2 tins	Veal	...	...	6 lbs.
Sauce	...	...	...	2 bottles	Sausage	...	...	6 lbs.
Margarine	...	...	...	34 lbs.	Chicken	...	...	3 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	2 lbs.	Bacon and Ham	...	...	18 lbs.

In addition, a wide variety of foodstuffs was condemned following a fire in a C.W.S. warehouse.

